

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 11, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and, in view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

According to the Office Action, claims 68, 73-75, 84, 88, and 93-95 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As amended, independent claim 64 substantially incorporates the recitations of claims 66 and 68, and independent claim 83 substantially incorporates the recitation of claim 84. In addition, new independent claim 109 substantially incorporates the recitations of claims 64 (prior to this Amendment) and 73, and now independent claim 117 substantially incorporates the recitations of claims 64 (prior to this Amendment) and 74.

Based upon the above discussion, the Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the rejections be withdrawn and that this application now be allowed.

This Amendment is being timely filed by facsimile transmission on August 15, 2006. Should fees be deemed necessary for consideration of this Amendment, such fees are hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 for payment. If anything further is desirable to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned representative at (503) 425-6800.

Respectfully submitted,

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